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1. POLCOUNSELOR MET WITH DE MARGERIE (QUAI DIRECTOR FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS) DECEMBER 18 FOR CONTINUATION US-EC PRESIDENCY POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS ON PORTUGAL REPORTED REF A. RESPONDING TO DE MARGERIE'S EARLIER QUESTIONS, POLCOUNSELOR DREW ON REFS B AND C, STRESSING NEED FOR EC TO TAKE EARLY STEPS TO SHOW FORWARD MOVEMENT ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE ALONG LINES SUGGESTED IN PARA 2 OF REF C.

2. DE MARGERIE UNDERTOOK TO TRANSMIT THESE U.S. VIEWS TO OTHER EC GOVERNMENTS. HE WELCOMED US DECISION TO SUPPORT EARLY ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL, AND HE ASKED WHAT CONSIDERATIONS HAS BROUGHT US GOVERNMENT TO DECISION TO EXTEND AID. POLCOUNSELOR CITED U.S. CONGRESSIONAL INITIATIVE AND POLITICAL SITUATION IN PORTUGAL WHICH SEEMED TO BE HEADING TOWARD POSSIBLE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN COMMUNISTS AND ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT AS PART OF BACKGROUND AGAINST WHICH EVOLUTION IN U.S. POLICY SHOULD BE VIEWED.

3. DE MARGERIE SAID FRENCH HAD RECEIVED REPORT THAT ALVES AND ANTUNES HAD JUST SUBMITTED THEIR RESIGNATIONS FROM GOP (ALTHOUGH FRENCH HAD NO WORD WHETHER RESIGNATIONS WERE ACCEPTED). HE CONCLUDED THAT PACE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN LISBON IS ACCELERATING AND US AID DECISION WAS TIMELY.

4. COMMENT: WE RECOMMEND THAT WASHINGTON PROVIDE US WITH FURTHER SUBSTANTIVE MATERIAL ON WHICH TO BASE MORE COMPREHENSIVE REPLY TO DE MARGERIE'S QUESTION ABOVE, AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT COULD BE PASSED USEFULLY TO THE EC.
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